(*b*) The Representative Assembly members and other respectable persons attending criminal courts as witnesses may be given travelling allowance.

Reply of Government.—The existing system does not need any change.

SUBJECT No. 45.

Preservation of civil records.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The periods assigned for the preservation of the various kinds of records are very short. Execution applications, depositions of witnesses, exhibits, attachment lists and sale certificates may be preserved for about thirty years.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 46.

Notice to decree-holders on the deposit of the decree amount in civil courts.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Decree amounts deposited in civil courts remain there for an unnecessarily long time as the decree-holders who live at a distance have no notice of the deposit. Civil courts may be ordered to notify the fact of such deposit to decree-holders within a fixed time.

Reply of Government.—This will be provided for in the new Civil Procedure Code.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Extension of time for return of documents filed in civil courts.

Mr. G. Srinivasa Murti, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Documents filed in civil courts are required to be taken back within a month from the date of application. Otherwise the application is rejected and a fresh application has to be presented. The period may be extended to two months.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 48.

Medical certificates to witnesses in judicial courts.

Mr. Seshachala Jois, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When it was represented during the last session of the Assembly that the local medical officers should be authorized to grant certificates to parties and witnesses summoned by civil and criminal courts, Government declined to comply with the prayer. It is now prayed that the medical officers may be authorized to give certificates on payment of prescribed fees, if they go to the private residences of parties, and free, if the parties present themselves at the hospital. Hospital Assistants demand a fee of Rs. 5 for every certificate even if the parties go to the Hospital.

Reply of Government.—No action is considered necessary as no law prescribes the production of such certificates.

SUBJECT No. 49.

(*a*) Female guards to watch female prisoners.

(*b*) Custody of under-trial prisoners.

(*a*) Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; and B. Oosman Khan, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Female guards may be employed to watch the prisoners of that sex.

(*b*) In spite of the appointment of Medical officers or Special Sub-Registrars as lock-up officers, the control and influence of the police over the under-trial prisoners has not ceased owing to the lock-up being located in police stations and police constables employed as guards.

Thus the object of divesting Amildars of the control over lock-ups is effectively frustrated. It is therefore suggested that (1) separate buildings for lock-ups be erected and (2) men unconnected with the police be employed to guard the lock-up, styled lock-up guards, and placed under the control of lock-up officers. The policemen may be deputed to escort the prisoners to and from courts.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 50.

Educating juvenile convicts in the Central Jail.

Mr. Nadig Guru Rao, Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Education may be introduced in the Central Jail for the benefit of the juvenile convicts.

Reply of Government.—This is being done. A separate juvenile prison will be built as early as possible.

SUBJECT No. 51.

Release of *moribund* prisoners.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Withdrawn on its being pointed out that there is a rule for the relief of the prisoners suffering from serious illness who may have a chance of recovery if released.

SUBJECT No. 52.

Promotion of Sub-Registrars.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-Registrars have very few chances of promotion in their own line. This breeds discontent and indifference to work. It is therefore suggested that there might be a free transfer of these officials to the Revenue Department and *vice versa*.

Reply of Government.—Such transfers are made.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Form of application for registration certificates.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Forms of application for certificates to be obtained from registration offices are in English, which causes much inconvenience to the people who are ignorant of that language. They may be printed in Kannada also.

Reply of Government.—This will be done.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Fees for copies in registration offices.

Messrs. H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk; V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; and K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Copies of documents may be granted by the registration offices on payment of a fee of Re. 0-1-6 per 100 words, which is the rate for granting copies of revenue and criminal proceedings.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Copies of registered documents.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Unauthenticated copies of registered documents may be granted on unstamped paper for private use on levy of fees.

Reply of Government.—As already decided, this cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Copies of registered documents from the Sub-Registrars' books to be sent to village servants.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; and Linge Gowda, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Copies or abstracts of documents presented for registration in Sub-Registrars' offices may be sent to patels and shanbhogs of the villages in which the properties are situated. The patel should be directed to file these copies in a book and keep them for

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